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No. 15-40238 State of Texas, et al v. USA, et al
USDC No. 1:14-CV-254

Dear Mr. Freeny,

We have docketed the appeal and ask you to use the case number above in future inquiries.

Filings in this court are governed strictly by the Federal Rules of **Appellate** Procedure. We cannot accept motions submitted under the Federal Rules of **Civil** Procedure. We can address only those documents the court directs you to file, or proper motions filed in support of the appeal. See FED R. APP. P. and 5TH CIR. R. 27 for guidance. Documents not authorized by these rules will not be acknowledged or acted upon.

You must first complete a transcript order form that can be found on our website www.ca5.uscourts.gov. You are required to electronically file the form through the 5th Circuit electronic filing system, even if you have already done so with the district court. (Pro Se litigants must mail in a completed copy, unless otherwise advised.) When completed, this meets your obligation to order the necessary portion(s) of the court reporter's transcript, see FED R. APP. P. 10(b). Second, you must make financial arrangements with the court reporter to pay for the transcript. If you are pro se and unable to afford payment, you must file a motion with the district court requesting a transcript at government expense, and notify this court of the filing. We will then coordinate with the court reporter for a time to file the transcript. The court reporter should contact you directly if an extension of time is granted to file the transcript. If you do not order or make arrangements to pay for the transcript within 15 days, we will dismiss your appeal without further notice, unless the case is a criminal appeal and you are proceeding In Forma Pauperis, see 5TH CIR. R. 42.3.

We will provide you information about the briefing schedule of this appeal at a later date. If a transcript is unnecessary,